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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dacus et al. (U.S. Pat. #: 6,223,061).

Regarding claim 1, Dacus et al. ("Dacus") teaches a radio frequency receiver, as shown in figures 1, 3 and 5, comprising:

circuit elements (i.e., divide-by-N block 42, divide-by-M block 6, phase detector/charge pump 10, etc.) a setting (i.e., divide factors M and N) of which is controlled by at least one control voltage (i.e., VCO controlled voltage 28);

a control unit for switching off the circuit elements during power-off periods (col.9, lines 17-35), and

a storage for storing the control voltage while circuit elements are switched off (i.e., passive loop filter/sample hold circuit 7; col.9, lines 13-22);

wherein the storage comprises a storage capacitor storing the control voltage (i.e., capacitors 20 and 22; col.7, lines 60-64; col.8, lines 23-32 and col.9, lines 7-10).

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Regarding claim 2, note analog switch 14 in figures 1 through 4.

Regarding claim 3, note the capacitors 20 and 22 in the passive loop filter/sample hold circuit 7 in figures 1 through 4.

Regarding claim 4, note OP AMP buffer 26 in figures 1 through 4.

Regarding claim 5, note col.7, lines 55-64.

Regarding claim 6, note col.10, lines 27-38.

Regarding claim 7, note col.7, line 65 – col.8, line 32.

Regarding claims 8-9, note col.14, lines 19-37.

Regarding claim 10, note col.10, lines 7-21.

Regarding claim 11, note col.10, line 39 – col.11, line 27.

Regarding claim 12, note col.9, lines 11-55.

Regarding claim 13, Dacus teaches a radio frequency receiver comprising:
a frequency downconverter for downconverting an incoming signal to an intermediate frequency,

an oscillator circuit being connected to the downconverter, a frequency of said oscillator being controlled by a control voltage (col.14, lines 19-37),

a control unit for switching off the circuit elements during power-off periods (col.9, lines 17-35), and

a capacitor for storing the control voltage (i.e., capacitors 20 and 22; col.7, lines 60-64; col.8, lines 23-32 and col.9, lines 7-10) while oscillator are switched off (i.e., XCO 46 is turned off; col.9, lines 13-48);

Regarding claim 14, note col.10, lines 7-19.

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Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Although the DeLuca et al. (US. Pat. #: 5,448,756), Umetsu (U.S. Pat. #: 4,340,973), Wroblewski (U.S. Pat. #: 4,011,514), Erhart et al. (U.S. Pat. #: 5,128,632), Gotz (U.S. Pat. #: 4,511,923), Maier (U.S. Pat. #: 4,956,711), Herol et al. (U.S. Pat. #: 4,893,094) and Maier et al. (US. Pat. #: 4,590,611) are not applied into this Office Action, they are also called to Applicants attention. They may be used in future Office Action(s). Each of these references teaches the well-known subject matters of controlled voltage to be stored in a capacitor in a receiver circuitry.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh K. Tieu whose telephone number is (703) 305-3963 and E-mail address: BINH.TIEU@USPTO.GOV.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (703) 305-4708 and **IF PAPER HAS BEEN MISSED FROM THIS OFFICIAL ACTION PACKAGE, PLEASE CALL Customer Service at (703) 306-0377 FOR THE SUBSTITUTIONS OR COPIES.**

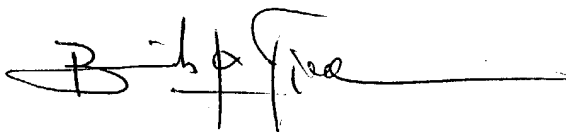
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